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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. Denton First Inventor Venting Plug for Vehicle Hub Cap

Express Mail Label No. EL 982267435 US (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Assistant Commissioner for Patents **Box Patent Application** ADDRESS TO: APPLICATION ELEMENTS Washington, DC 20231 See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) Computer Program (Appendix) 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission 1. 1 (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) Applicant claims small entity status. (if applicable, all necessary) Computer Readable Form (CRF) See 37 CFR 1.27. (preferred arrangement set forth below)

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